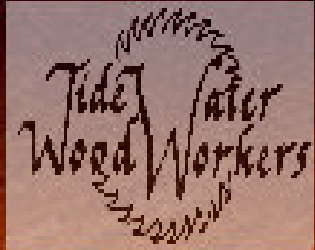


# Tidewater Woodworkers Guild



## Notes from the Wood House

Hello fellow woodworkers! So is it Spring yet? What is this weather trying to do? This is the time to open up your shops, tune up the equipment, and make some saw dust. Plan to share your stories at our next meeting, April 26<sup>th</sup>.

Did everyone make the tax man's date? Who took advantage of the tax refund and bought a new tool?

As I mentioned in an email a couple of weeks ago, our guild members have been invited by Peyton Anderson, president of the Blacksmith Guild of Virginia, to attend a monthly meeting of the Blacksmith Guild of Virginia, on Saturday, April 24th. It looks to be a very worthwhile event, with Mr. Shel Browder from Colonial Williamsburg's Anderson Blacksmith Shop demonstrating a variety of items including a socket han-

dled wood chisel as it would have been made in colonial times. Shel will talk about the method of forging the chisel and delve into the history of the tool and answer any questions that may come up. The meeting place is:

Yesteryear School of Blacksmithing  
15421 Five Forks Rd  
Amelia VA 23002 (about 2.5 hour drive, a little southwest of Richmond)

Thanks to Pat Lester for volunteering to head up our Toys for Tots program again this year. We are still looking for someone to help coordinate our Board and Bowl collaboration with the Tidewater Turners and Woodcraft.

Our presentation topic this month is using shellac; our presenters will be Jim Francis and member Jeff Biggs.

Our membership is now up to 92 paid members. If you haven't paid this year's dues...and there are a few of you...Treasurer Fred Olds would prefer a check for \$15 made out to Tidewater Woodworkers...it makes his book-keeping easier. If you've already paid up and haven't received your membership card, please see Ed Bunker.

Check out Gary Hammond's article about his recent trip to Hawaii and learning about hammer veneering.

Don't forget your Show and Tell items this month.

### Wood Chips

We are trying to coordinate a table saw tune-up class in June taught by Bob Fred. The class will be taught at Andy Steinberg's shop. All those interested, please let Jim Francis know since space is limited

## April 2010 Issue

### Next Meeting

**April 26, 2010  
7:00PM**

Woodcraft of Norfolk  
5802 E. Virginia Beach Blvd.  
Norfolk, VA 23502  
(757) 466-1166

### Monthly Meeting

4th Monday of Each  
Month

### Find Us On the Web

[www.twwwg.com](http://www.twwwg.com)

Please note that parts of the site are password protected. The password is provided to those whose dues are current.

### Club Dues

Dues are \$15.00 per year and are payable by check or cash.

## Upcoming Meetings

Jim Francis will be coordinating presenters and demonstrators each month. If you know of someone that would be a good presenter or if you would like to demonstrate your talents, please contact Jim Francis.

### April

Using Shellac

Guest Presenters

Jeff Biggs

Jim Francis

### May

Making A Wooden Hand Plane

Guest Presenter

Bob Fred

## The Executive Board

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**Contributors Wanted:** We are looking for articles for our monthly newsletter like an article on a shop tip or technique, a review about a tool or product or a woodworking event. Send it to [patron300@cox.net](mailto:patron300@cox.net).

## Hammering Out Veneering Topics on the "Big Island" of Hawaii

While visiting the Big Island I was pleasantly surprised to find an article in the paper written by the Hawaii Forest Industry Association. They had invited Alf Sharp (Award winning period furniture maker and furniture historian) ... to do a presentation and workshop on the technique of hammer veneering.

Hammer veneering is a process that allows a craftsman to do a variety of veneer work with very basic tools. Hammer veneering with hot hide glue was demonstrated and proved to be less difficult than I had imagined. The resulting glue joint is very quickly set, very strong, and easily reversible. It is also fully stainable with the wood so you don't have to worry about fingerprints, and it can be used to fully penetrate the veneer acting as a lubricant for the sliding motion of the hammer.

Preparing the glue was very interesting to watch and took much less time than I had thought. Alf used an electric glue pot made by "Heet" that consisted of a glass jar inserted into a heating "cup." The jar, about the size of a bottle of apple sauce, is perfect. The glue powder is added and water is added to the glue powder in the prescribed amount. As it heats up it swells and more water is added until you achieve the desired consistency.

Mr. Sharp demonstrated glue preparation, substrate preparation, banding and edge banding and veneering curved surfaces. Attendance was free and the presentation was enjoyable.

Mr. Sharp is vice president of the Furniture Society, President of the Cumberland Furniture Guild, on the board of the Tennessee Arts and Crafts Association and is on the faculty of O'More College of Design in Franklin Tennessee, teaching history of furniture and design details. He is well known for period restorations in Tennessee. His work can be seen at [alfredsharp.com](http://alfredsharp.com)

The Hawaii Forest Industry Association did a great job preparing for and holding this presentation. I for one am very appreciative.

*Submitted by Gary Hammond*

## Tool Review: WorkSharp 3000

After our February presentation by Steve I went home and suggested to my wife (Carolyn) that I liked the features on the Work Sharp 3000. She took me at my word and gave me one for my birthday.

The repetitive accuracy for duplicating all the edges on my chisels was super. It comes with two glass discs however I found that it would be good to have an additional discs for at least one additional step in the sharpening process. The manual recommends using 120, 400, 1000, 3600 grit paper. I found that the jump from 120 to 400 is too great. Steve recommended using 120 and 220 grit steps. I recommend that the club purchase one and keep it in our tool cabinet. Once you try it you will want one for your shop.

*Submitted by Adrian Marshall*

## March 2010 Meeting Minutes

Tidewater Woodworkers Guild

Date March 22, 2010

The meeting was called to order on March 22, at 7 pm by the president, Bret Lancaster.

After a short introduction and recognition of new faces, the following announcements and business was presented:

Bret talked about several recent articles that have come out regarding safety on the table saw and the fact that one person had sued and won an insurance settlement against Ryobi for not having the safety feature that Saw Stop has. It seems this person had recently purchased a Ryobi saw and then severely injured his hand.

New Business:

Motion was made and passed for TWWWG to donate \$100 to the Relay for Life Cancer Fund Drive

Cards were passed out to the members reminding us to vote for Our Wood Craft Store in "The Best of Hampton Roads Specialty Stores" Norfolk Best Specialty Store

Jim Francis, .Upcoming planned Programs

April- Using Shellac Jeff Biggs and Jim Francis

May – Wood Planes, Bob Fred

June – Scroll Saw

A work shop is being planned at Andy Steinberg's Furniture Shop soon to work with Tuning a Table Saw

Bret made the following requests:

Need someone to head up the Toys for Tots program this year. Pat Lester volunteered

Someone to head up the Board and Bowl project this year

The president introduced the featured presenter and program

Presenter: Shawn Nystrom / Angie. Program History of Arts and Craft Movement and Craftsman style furniture

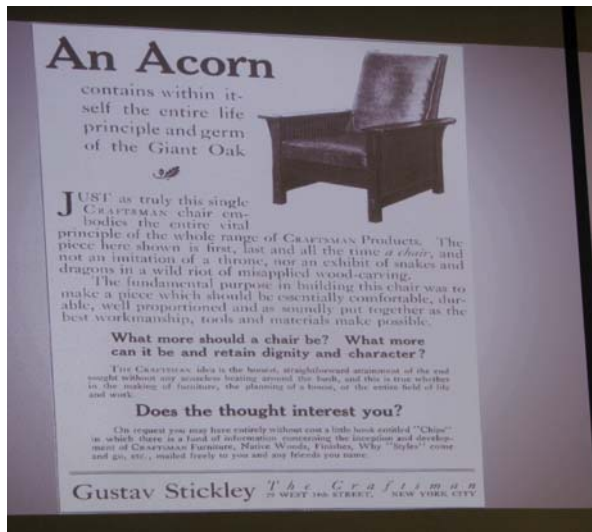
Show and tell projects: Jim Francis, demonstrated refining and sharpening your hand saws while you are waiting for the glue to dry on your shop project.

Old Business -none

Meeting adjourned: \_\_8:50\_ pm

Submitted: Adrian Marshall / Secretary

## Show and Tell From The March 2010 Meeting



At the March meeting, Shawn Nystrom brought in a few pieces of Mission style furniture accessories (top middle and right). At the top left, we have an advertisement for a Stickley chair. Below, Jim Francis gave a good demonstration on how to get out of those “honey-do” chores. Actually, Jim demonstrated that with some patience, an low-end saw from one of the big box stores can be sharpened to cut almost as well as a high end saw. The drawback for some may be the time and meticulous effort to hone each tooth. For Jim, it’s worked. He hasn’t had any chores in months. *(photos by Don Hubbard)*



### Woodworking on Television

There are a number of woodworking shows on cable and satellite these days for those of you who subscribe to these services.

Recently, WHRO has changed the format again. The New Yankee Workshop is on digital cable. If you have digital cable and receive the Create Channel (Cox Channel 109), there are multiple showings of the New Yankee Workshop: Tuesday (10:30 AM, 4:30PM & 10:30PM); Wednesday (4:30AM); Thursday (10:30AM, 4:30PM & 10:30PM); Friday (4:30AM).

The Woodwright’s Shop is on the Create Channel (Cox Channel 109), there are multiple showings: Tuesday (11:00 AM, 5:00PM & 11:00PM); Wednesday (5:00AM); Thursday (11:00AM, 5:00PM & 11:00PM); Friday (5:00AM).

WHRO has moved the WoodSmith Shop back to Channel 15. It can be found on Saturday at 8AM.

At 3:30PM on Saturday, the New Yankee Workshop is broadcast on the North Carolina PBS. This is followed by the Woodwright’s Shop at 4:00PM.

### Update: City of Norfolk Logs

As many of you know, the guild has been trying to work with the City of Norfolk to obtain trees that the city cuts down. Jeff Portzline and Andy Steinberg have been working with the city.

We have hit a snag. The city of Norfolk, in its finite wisdom has decided that they want to go into the lumber business. We are being asked to submit bids for the logs. And, the city wants the bids to reflect the potential market cost of the log based upon the type of wood, the size and grade. At this time, the project is on hold.

## Program Highlights From Our March 2010 Meeting



At the March meeting Shawn Nystrom provided an informative overview on Mission Style furniture. Above, is a mission style table from Shawn's personal collection. Below is a picture of a bookcase. Note that one of the key elements (but not required as Shawn pointed out in his lecture) is the utilization of quarter sawn white oak. In pieces of the time, the wood was fumed to darken to "stain" the wood. This method had great success in highlighting the flecking that occurs in quarter sawn cut wood. (photos by Don Hubbard).



### Club Discounts Available

Over the years, certain businesses have offered a variety of discounts to our membership. Below is a current list of companies that offer some type of discount for products and services.

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| Woodcraft               | 10% off on meeting night      |
|                         | Norfolk (757) 466-1166        |
| Sure Set Saw            | 13% Discount                  |
|                         | Chesapeake (757) 420-7991     |
| Cabinet Makers Hardware | Contractor's Price            |
|                         | Virginia Beach (757) 490-1185 |
| Wurth Woodgroup         |                               |
|                         | Norfolk (757) 858-3908        |
| Scroll-it Service       |                               |
|                         | Portsmouth (757) 237-6867     |
| Sherwin Williams Paint  | 15% Discount                  |
|                         | All stores in Hampton Roads   |